GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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FUNDS FOR THE WELFARE OF DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has not been able to properly utilize the entire funds sanctioned for welfare of the disabled persons during the last year and the current year, till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the unutilized funds have been diverted for other purposes;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to ensure that the entire funds sanctioned for the above purpose are properly utilized during the current financial year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e): During 2000-2001, the Ministry utilized 94% of the allocation under Budget Estimates of Disability Sector and 95% of the Revised Estimates. In the current year, 88% of the Budget Estimates allocation has been utilized upto 26th February, 2002 and the balance funds are expected to be fully utilized.

The shortfall in utilization of funds in 2000-01 was on account of the slow pace of execution of some new schemes/programmes. Reappropriation of savings from one head to another is done as and when such a need arises. The Ministry is also regularly monitoring the progress of various schemes to ensure that the allocation is fully utilized.